

Table 1: Major Indicators of Labor Market Activity for New Jersey					
Seasonally Adjusted 2025 Benchmark					
Labor Force Data (resident)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Sep 2026 (P)	Aug 2026 (R)	Sep 2025	over the Month	over the Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,928,382	4,918,096	4,915,086	10,286	13,296
Employment	4,719,305	4,705,375	4,644,843	13,930	74,462
Unemployment	209,077	212,721	270,243	-3,644	-61,166
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.3	5.5	-0.1	-1.3
Employment Data (establishment)					
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Net Change	Net Change
	Sep 2026 (P)	Aug 2026 (R)	Sep 2025	over the Month	over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,377,400	4,362,500	4,373,800	14,900	3,600
Total Private	3,757,300	3,741,300	3,750,400	16,000	6,900
Goods-Producing	414,400	412,900	419,100	1,500	-4,700
Mining and Logging	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Construction	163,000	162,500	166,100	500	-3,100
Manufacturing	249,900	248,900	251,500	1,000	-1,600
Service-Providing	3,963,000	3,949,600	3,954,700	13,400	8,300
Private Service-Providing	3,342,900	3,328,400	3,331,300	14,500	11,600
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	886,000	891,100	897,200	-5,100	-11,200
Information	71,900	73,000	76,400	-1,100	-4,500
Financial Activities	266,900	267,000	269,700	-100	-2,800
Professional and Business	708,000	700,900	709,400	7,100	-1,400
Education and Health Services	832,500	825,300	802,500	7,200	30,000
Leisure and Hospitality	409,500	404,000	407,100	5,500	2,400
Other Services	168,100	167,100	169,000	1,000	-900
Government	620,100	621,200	623,400	-1,100	-3,300
3-Month Average Change					
Total Nonfarm	-1,900	-8,300	-1,800	N/A	N/A
Total Private	-500	-7,600	-1,100	N/A	N/A
Weekly Hours of Work (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	42.1	42.8	40.9	-0.7	1.2
Durable Goods	43.0	43.6	42.7	-0.6	0.3
Nondurable Goods	41.3	42.1	39.5	-0.8	1.8
Hourly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)*					
Manufacturing	\$27.94	\$27.89	\$26.63	\$0.05	\$1.31
Durable Goods	\$30.55	\$31.03	\$27.67	-\$0.48	\$2.88
Nondurable Goods	\$25.79	\$25.35	\$25.70	\$0.44	\$0.09
Weekly Earnings (not seasonally adjusted)**					
Manufacturing	\$1,176.27	\$1,193.69	\$1,089.17	-\$17.42	\$87.10
Durable Goods	\$1,313.65	\$1,352.91	\$1,181.51	-\$39.26	\$132.14
Nondurable Goods	\$1,065.13	\$1,067.24	\$1,015.15	-\$2.11	\$49.98

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* Production Workers

** Weekly earnings are computed from not seasonally adjusted hourly earnings and hours of work data.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Labor Area Unemployment Statistics & Current Employment Statistics

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Table 2: New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Trends						
2025 Benchmark						
	Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	Sep 2026 (P)	Aug 2026 (R)	Sep 2025	Sep 2026 (P)	Aug 2026 (R)	Sep 2025
Civilian Labor Force	4,923,400	4,964,886	4,886,509	4,928,382	4,918,096	4,915,086
Resident Employment	4,721,321	4,731,144	4,606,191	4,719,305	4,705,375	4,644,843
Unemployment	202,079	233,742	280,318	209,077	212,721	270,243
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	4.7	5.7	4.2	4.3	5.5
Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	63.6	64.2	63.3	63.7	63.6	63.7
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	61.0	61.1	59.7	61.0	60.8	60.2
New Jersey Civilian Labor Force Annual Averages 2005 - 2025						
Year	Labor Force		Employment	Unemployment	Rate (%)	
2005	4,407,346		4,211,307	196,039	4.4	
2006	4,460,951		4,252,563	208,388	4.7	
2007	4,458,637		4,271,086	187,551	4.2	
2008	4,521,751		4,277,489	244,262	5.4	
2009	4,572,772		4,167,938	404,834	8.9	
2010	4,586,241		4,142,277	443,964	9.7	
2011	4,598,213		4,166,134	432,079	9.4	
2012	4,628,608		4,191,480	437,128	9.4	
2013	4,594,340		4,207,084	387,256	8.4	
2014	4,573,112		4,267,323	305,789	6.7	
2015	4,596,855		4,334,055	262,800	5.7	
2016	4,612,876		4,384,980	227,896	4.9	
2017	4,612,037		4,403,654	208,383	4.5	
2018	4,607,436		4,423,016	184,420	4.0	
2019	4,693,206		4,529,991	163,215	3.5	
2020	4,643,700		4,204,301	439,399	9.5	
2021	4,674,518		4,361,147	313,371	6.7	
2022	4,771,781		4,586,675	185,106	3.9	
2023	4,879,285		4,668,296	210,989	4.3	
2024	4,899,384		4,672,089	227,295	4.6	
2025	4,905,633		4,648,499	257,134	5.2	
Seasonally Adjusted Civilian Labor Force Data for New Jersey 2025 - 2026						
Date	Labor Force		Employment	Unemployment	Rate (%)	
Jan 2025	4,896,874		4,655,242	241,632	4.9	
Feb	4,898,132		4,652,062	246,070	5.0	
Mar	4,898,440		4,649,173	249,267	5.1	
Apr	4,897,988		4,645,747	252,241	5.1	
May	4,897,944		4,641,144	256,800	5.2	
Jun	4,899,596		4,636,881	262,715	5.4	
Jul	4,903,658		4,635,972	267,686	5.5	
Aug	4,909,106		4,638,766	270,340	5.5	
Sep	4,915,086		4,644,843	270,243	5.5	
Oct						
Nov	4,919,896		4,655,110	264,786	5.4	
Dec	4,919,038		4,655,408	263,630	5.4	
Jan 2026		4,918,046	4,663,409	254,637		5.2
Feb		4,912,328	4,663,876	248,452		5.1
Mar		4,906,727	4,665,813	240,914		4.9
Apr		4,903,423	4,669,460	233,963		4.8
May		4,909,153	4,680,604	228,549		4.7
Jun		4,908,203	4,685,214	222,989		4.5
Jul		4,910,645	4,694,390	216,255		4.4
Aug	(R)	4,918,096	4,705,375	212,721		4.3
Sep	(P)	4,928,382	4,719,305	209,077		4.2
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						

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Table 3: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment by Industry Not Seasonally Adjusted 2025 Benchmark				
Industry	Current Month Sep 2026 (P)	Previous Month Aug 2026 (R)	One Year Ago Sep 2025	Net Change over the Year
Total Nonfarm	4,384,900	4,357,000	4,381,400	3,500
Total Private	3,768,900	3,780,400	3,762,100	6,800
Goods-Producing	418,500	419,700	422,900	-4,400
Mining and Logging	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Construction	167,000	167,500	169,900	-2,900
Manufacturing	250,000	250,700	251,500	-1,500
Durable Goods	109,900	109,900	111,700	-1,800
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	25,700	25,800	25,700	0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	16,600	16,700	16,600	0
Nondurable Goods	140,100	140,800	139,800	300
Food Manufacturing	44,900	45,300	43,900	1,000
Chemical Manufacturing	46,600	47,000	47,700	-1,100
Pharmaceutical and Medicine Manufacturing	29,200	29,500	30,000	-800
Service-Providing	3,966,400	3,937,300	3,958,500	7,900
Private Service-Providing	3,350,400	3,360,700	3,339,200	11,200
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	883,500	886,400	893,500	-10,000
Wholesale Trade	208,400	208,300	211,700	-3,300
Retail Trade	422,300	427,600	426,500	-4,200
Building Material & Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	32,700	33,100	34,000	-1,300
Food and Beverage Retailers	111,600	112,600	110,200	1,400
General Merchandise Retailers	72,200	72,000	71,700	500
Health and Personal Care Retailers	35,800	36,200	37,100	-1,300
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers	39,800	41,700	42,200	-2,400
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	252,800	250,500	255,300	-2,500
Utilities	15,300	15,300	15,300	0
Transportation and Warehousing	237,500	235,200	240,000	-2,500
Warehousing and Storage	75,200	75,400	78,000	-2,800
Information	72,300	74,100	76,600	-4,300
Telecommunications	18,300	18,700	19,500	-1,200
Financial Activities	267,400	269,200	270,300	-2,900
Finance and Insurance	203,500	204,400	205,400	-1,900
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	67,700	67,800	68,800	-1,100
Financial Investments and Related Activities	45,900	46,400	45,100	800
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	89,900	90,200	91,500	-1,600
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	63,900	64,800	64,900	-1,000
Professional and Business Services	712,700	706,000	713,100	-400
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	337,900	339,200	335,300	2,600
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	73,900	75,000	76,000	-2,100
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	59,600	59,500	59,300	300
Management of Companies and Enterprises	79,600	78,800	80,400	-800
Administrative Support & Waste Management/Remediation	295,200	288,000	297,400	-2,200
Private Education and Health Services	828,900	808,700	800,200	28,700
Private Educational Services	120,200	107,700	118,200	2,000
Health Care and Social Assistance	708,700	701,000	682,000	26,700
Ambulatory Health Care Services	297,000	294,300	282,800	14,200
Hospitals	182,200	182,100	176,000	6,200
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	103,000	103,200	99,700	3,300
Social Assistance	126,500	121,400	123,500	3,000
Leisure and Hospitality	418,800	447,400	417,700	1,100
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	80,600	97,200	79,500	1,100
Accommodation and Food Services	338,200	350,200	338,200	0
Food Services and Drinking Places	290,300	299,600	290,900	-600
Other Services	166,800	168,900	167,800	-1,000
Repair and Maintenance	33,600	33,900	35,200	-1,600
Personal and Laundry Services	64,800	64,200	65,300	-500
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional and Similar Org.	68,400	70,800	67,300	1,100
Government	616,000	576,600	619,300	-3,300
Federal Government	46,100	46,200	48,100	-2,000
State Government	160,800	147,100	159,400	1,400
Local Government	409,100	383,300	411,800	-2,700

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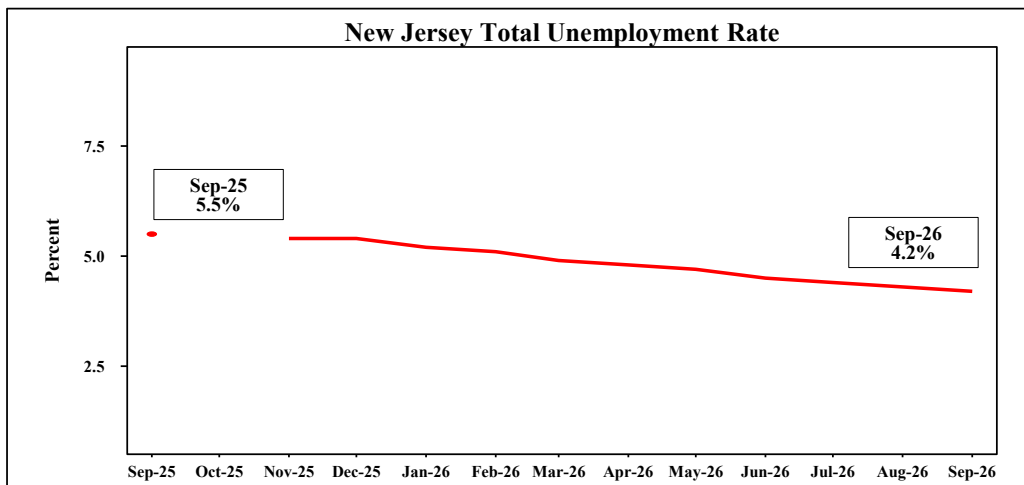
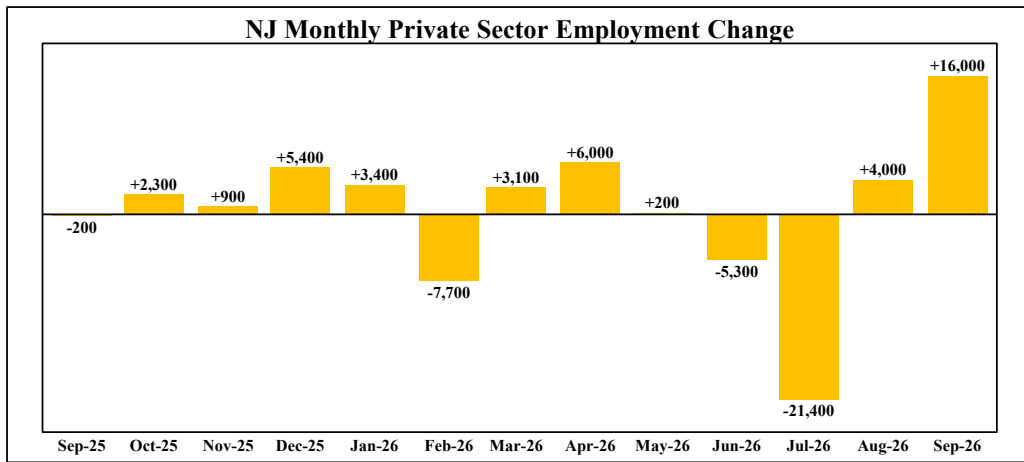
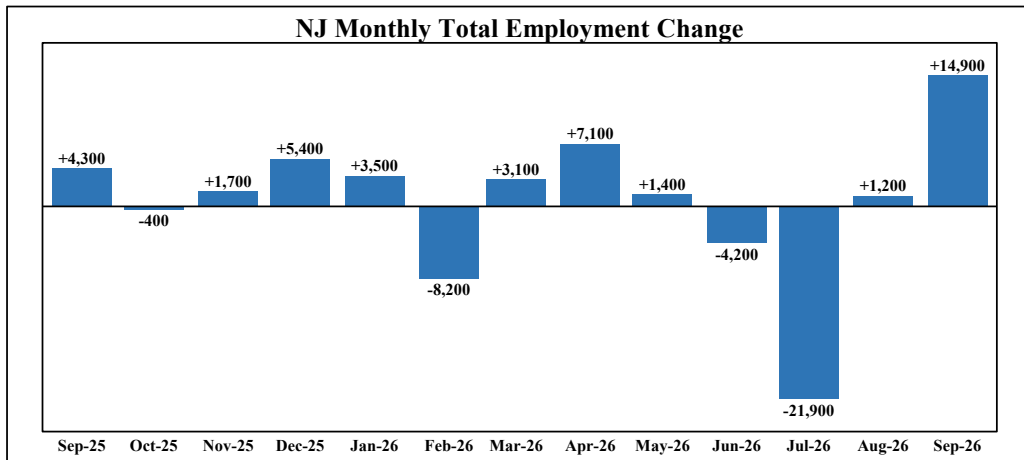
Table 4: New Jersey Nonfarm Employment 2025 Benchmark						
Annual Averages						
Year	Total	Private Sector				Public
		Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Service-Providing	
2005	4,043,900	3,393,100	329,100	169,100	2,893,100	650,900
2006	4,076,300	3,419,800	322,500	174,900	2,920,600	656,600
2007	4,083,000	3,426,600	310,000	172,300	2,942,700	656,400
2008	4,052,300	3,394,200	297,000	164,500	2,931,100	658,100
2009	3,896,800	3,235,700	262,600	138,600	2,833,000	661,100
2010	3,849,800	3,201,700	253,900	129,500	2,816,900	648,100
2011	3,847,600	3,221,100	248,800	129,900	2,841,100	626,600
2012	3,889,600	3,266,100	243,000	130,400	2,891,500	623,500
2013	3,934,700	3,311,500	240,900	137,600	2,931,800	623,200
2014	3,966,300	3,341,900	241,000	141,600	2,957,900	624,400
2015	4,009,500	3,391,100	241,100	148,400	3,000,200	618,400
2016	4,069,500	3,452,300	244,500	153,500	3,052,900	617,200
2017	4,125,000	3,507,100	247,100	156,100	3,102,500	617,900
2018	4,162,700	3,544,900	250,000	158,000	3,135,600	617,800
2019	4,198,100	3,577,300	251,500	160,700	3,163,700	620,800
2020	3,860,600	3,266,800	238,300	152,300	2,874,800	593,700
2021	4,037,600	3,448,100	241,400	157,600	3,047,800	589,500
2022	4,241,500	3,642,300	250,700	163,600	3,226,600	599,200
2023	4,317,000	3,708,100	254,500	165,900	3,286,300	608,900
2024	4,355,700	3,735,800	254,900	165,300	3,314,100	619,900
2025	4,376,500	3,752,700	252,000	165,900	3,333,300	623,800
Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Data						
2025						
Jan	4,374,100	3,748,200	253,500	164,400	3,328,700	625,900
Feb	4,377,300	3,751,600	253,200	165,200	3,331,700	625,700
Mar	4,377,600	3,751,500	253,300	166,500	3,330,300	626,100
Apr	4,380,800	3,754,800	253,700	165,900	3,333,700	626,000
May	4,391,300	3,765,000	253,600	165,600	3,344,300	626,300
Jun	4,379,100	3,753,700	252,900	165,800	3,333,500	625,400
Jul	4,377,200	3,752,800	252,100	166,200	3,333,000	624,400
Aug	4,369,500	3,750,600	251,600	166,100	3,331,400	618,900
Sep	4,373,800	3,750,400	251,500	166,100	3,331,300	623,400
Oct	4,373,400	3,752,700	250,800	166,700	3,333,700	620,700
Nov	4,375,100	3,753,600	250,300	166,200	3,335,600	621,500
Dec	4,380,500	3,759,000	249,200	166,200	3,342,100	621,500
2026						
Jan	4,384,000	3,762,400	249,400	168,000	3,343,500	621,600
Feb	4,375,800	3,754,700	248,800	162,100	3,342,300	621,100
Mar	4,378,900	3,757,800	248,400	162,500	3,345,500	621,100
Apr	4,386,000	3,763,800	249,100	161,200	3,352,100	622,200
May	4,387,400	3,764,000	247,800	162,300	3,352,500	623,400
Jun	4,383,200	3,758,700	248,200	162,600	3,346,400	624,500
Jul	4,361,300	3,737,300	248,700	161,300	3,325,800	624,000
Aug (R)	4,362,500	3,741,300	248,900	162,500	3,328,400	621,200
Sep (P)	4,377,400	3,757,300	249,900	163,000	3,342,900	620,100
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